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FOR THE SECY

1. SECY'S SPEECH. WE ARE CONFIRMING THE EXACT DETAILS OF THE SECY'S SPEECH AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE PRES'S PRESS SECY THAT SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION CAN BE PROVIDED. THE FOREIGN MIN HAS INFORMED THE EMB THAT THE PRES IS CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF THE SPEECH AND WISHES TO SEE THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH, OR AT LEAST A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR THEMES, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE AN INTRODUCTION TO WHICH THE SECY WILL APPEAR TO BE RESPONDING. THIS FORMAT INVOLVING BOTH PRES PASTRANA AND SECY ROGERS WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE PUBLIC AFFAIRS IMPACT AND RESULTING POSITIVE MEDIA COVERAGE. THE EVENT IS EVEN MORE NEWSWORTHY WITH THE PRES'S PARTICIPATION. AT THIS POINT THE PRES HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO CONFINE ATTENDANCE TO TWENTY TO THIRTY DISTINGUISHED COLOMBIANS INCLUDING CABINET OFFICERS, REPS OF THE ECONOMIC SECTOR AND THE PRESS. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE HIM REVERSE THIS DECISION. HOWEVER IN LIGHT OF INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID CHARACTERIZING THE SPEECH AS " MAJOR " AND THE PLANNED BREVITY OF THE SPEECH WE ARE UNSURE AS TO HOW MUCH PRESSURE WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO

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BRING TO BEAR ON THIS MATTER. OUR PRESENT VIEW MOREOVER IS THAT SIZE OF AUDIENCE IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS ITS HIGH STATUS. THE SETTING ALSO IS PRESTIGIOUS. MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS WILL ASSURE WIDE PUBLIC AUDIENCE. THE PRES HAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THE SECY' S SPEECH BE DELIVERED FOLLOWING THE SECY' S MEETING WITH THE PRES AND WE HAVE REVISED THE SECY' S SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY. IN LIGHT OF THE SHORTENED MEETING WITH THE PRES (FROM 1100-1130 INSTEAD OF 1100-1200) THE PRES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECY FOLLOWING LUNCH IF DESIRED. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION COVERAGE.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT. THE FOREIGN MIN HAS THUS FAR BEEN ADAMANT THAT ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY THE SECY WOULD BE A BREACH OF COLOMBIAN PROTOCOL, SINCE ONLY HEADS OF STATE MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS. WE HAVE, NEVERTHELESS, CONTACTED THE FOREIGN MIN AGAIN ON THIS MATTER AND EXPECT TO HAVE AN ANSWER EARLY THIS AFTERNOON.

3. OTHER SCHEDULE CHANGES. CHANGES REQUESTED IN THE SCHEDULE ARE REFLECTED IN THE AMENDED SCHEDULE WHICH FOLLS.

4. VISIT TO CULTURAL CENTER. THE COLOMBIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IS PRESENTLY SHOWING A SMITHSONIAN ORGANIZED EXHIBIT BY AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER ANSEL ADAMS. CENTER IS COMBINATION FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, AMERICAN LIBRARY, EDUCATIONAL INSTIUTION WITH 5000 STUDENTS.

5. PROEXPO. THE PROEXPO VISIT COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR FRI AFTER-NOON WITH NO DIFFICULTIES AND A SLIGHTLY LONGER VISIT THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED IS POSSIBLE.

6. CASA BOLIVAR. THE CASA BOLIVAR IS ONE OF COLOMBIA' S MOST HOSTORIC MONUMENTS, INTIMATELY RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COLOMBIAN HISTORY. IT WAS BUILT AROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY AND BOUGHT BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE DE BOGOTA, DON BARTOLOME LOBO- GUERRERO IN 1605. THE CASA DE BOLIVAR SERVED AS A SCHOOL, THE NATIONAL PUBLIC LIBARAY AND A PRIVATE RESIDENCE. THE QUOTE PALACIO DE SAN CARLOS UNQUOTE, AS IT BEGAN TO BE CALLED FOR ITS VICINITY TO THE JESUITS CHAPEL OF THE SAME NAME, WAS PURCHASED BY THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND INAUGURATED AS THE PRES-IDENTIAL PALACE IN 1828. BOLIVAR, THE QUOTE LIBERTADOR UNQUOTE WAS THE FIRST PRES TO OCCUPY IT, AND THE PALACE
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ACQUIRED A HISTORIC IMPORTANCE WHEN BOLIVAR ESCAPED ASSASSINATION BY JUMPING OUT OF HIS BEDROOM WINDOW ON SEP 25,1828. IN 1906 PRES RAFAEL REYES MOVED THE PRESIDENCY TO THE HISTORIC QUOTE PALACIO DE LA CARRERA UNQUOTE AND SAN CARLOS BECOME THEN THE SITE

OF THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MIN CHANCERY. DURING THE VIOLENT DAYS OF THE QUOTE BOGOTAZO UNQUOTE (APRIL 1948) THE PALACE WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED, TO EMERGE ONCE MORE BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED, AS THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY UNDER THE NAME OF QUOTE CASA DE BOLIVAR UNQUOTE IN 1954.

7. THE FOLLOWING IS THE REVISED SCHEDULE:

THURS, MAY 17

1220 ARRIVE BOGOTA, ARRIVAL HONORS. ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

1240 DEPART FOR AMB' S RESIDENCE WITH AMB AND FOREIGN MIN

1300 ARRIVE RESIDENCE (FOREIGN MIN LEAVES)

1310 LUNCH

1430 END LUNCH AND REST PERIOD. DEPART FOR EMB.

1450 ARRIVE EMB. BRIEF GREETING TO EMB STAFF IN LOBBY.

1500 DEPART FOR QUINTA BOLIVAR FOR JOINT WREATH- LAYING WITH FOREIGN MIN

1515 ARRIVE QUINTAX BOLIVAR - JOINT WREATH LAYING WITH FOREIGN MIN AT BOLIVAR MONUMENT

1530 RETIRE TO DINING ROOM OF QUINTA BOLIVAR FOR WORKING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MIN (ACCOMPANIED BY ASST SECY KUBISCH AND THE AMB).

1715 DEPART QUINTA BOLIVAR FOR GOOD MUSEUM

1725 ARRIVE GOLD MUSEUM FOR 20 MINUTE VISIT

1745 DEPART GOLD MUSEUM FOR RESIDENCE

1805 ARRIVE RESIDENCE (REST PERIOD)
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2015 DEPART FOR CLUB MILITARY

2030 BLACK TIE DINNER OFFERED BY FOREIGN MIN AND MRS VAZQUEZ IN HONOR OF SECY AND MRS ROGERS IN SALON DORADO OF CLUB MILITAR.

FRI MAY 18

0900 SECY' S STAFF TIME AT RESIDENCE

1000 MEETING WITH 5 NON- GOVT LEADERS AT RESIDENCE

1040 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR CASA BOLIVAR (PRESIDENTIAL PALACE)

1100 BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE PRES WHO WILL THEN BE JOINED
BY THE FOREIGN MIN, ASST SECY KUBISCH AND THE AMB.

1130 SECY' S SPEECH

1200 ADJOURN TO CABINET ROOM FOR MEETING WITH THE PRES AND ECONOMIC
MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

1300 LUNCHEON WITH THE PRES, MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, EX- PRESIENTS
AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED COLOMBIANS. TIME FOLLOWING LUNCHEON FOR
RENEWED CONVERSATION WITH PRES IF DESIRED.

1530 DEPART FOR PROEXPO AT BANCO DE LA REPUBLICA

1540 ARRIVE BANCO DE LA REPUBLICA - VISIT PROEXPO.

1555 DEPART FOR COLOMBIAN- AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

1605 PRESS CONFERENCE AND SHORT VISIT AT COLOMBIAN- AMERICAN CUL-
TURAL CENTER.

1645 DEPART FOR THE RESIDENCE

1705 ARRIVE RESIDENCE (REST PERIOD)

2000 SECY AND MRS ROGERS' BLACK TIE DINNER IN HONOR OF THE FOREIGN
MIN AND MRS VAZQUEZ AT THE AMB' S RESIDENCE.
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SAT, MAY 19

0840 FOREIGN MIN AND MRS VAZQUEZ ARRIVE AT RESIDENCE TO ESCORT
THE SECY AND MRS ROGERS TO AIRPORT.

0850 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

0915 ARRIVE AT EL DORADO AIRPORT. DEPARTURE HONORS.
(NO DEPARTURE STATEMENT)

0930 DEPART BOGOTA.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE TEXT OF SECY' S SPEECH OR MAJOR THEMES BY FLASH
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